

**Draft Minutes of the Economic Security and Empowerment Subcommittee
Vermont Child Poverty Council**

Room 8
12/10/15

Meeting Date: 12/10/15, 9:30 – 10:00

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Sen. Claire Ayer
Carlen Finn, Voices for Vermont's Children
Paul Dragon, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity
Breena Holmes, Dept. of Health
Karen Lafayette, Subcommittee Chair
Annie Noonan, Department of Labor

Others in Attendance:

Hal Cohen, Agency of Human Services
Erhard Mahnke, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
David Hall and Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Council

Topics Discussed

- Top priority: Increase reimbursement for childcare expenses to current market rate
- Increase enable transportation to work, including driver restoration and paying on time, support for public transportation
- Repeal the Reach Up benefit reduction
- Stabilize families and make them whole with all necessary supports
- Increase low salaries to enable families can support their children
- Make available the cost figures for fully supporting low income families so that realistic goals can be known.

Motions

No motions were made during the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Marjorie Zunder, Legislative Council